

ACTION ITEM

Delta Independent Science Board Reappointments

Summary: The Delta Lead Scientist, Dr. John Callaway, will ask the Council to reappoint two existing Delta Independent Science Board (Delta ISB) members whose first terms are coming to an end.

Requested Action

Dr. Callaway will make a recommendation to reappoint Delta ISB members Dr. Jay Lund and Dr. Harindra (Joe) Fernando, whose first terms are coming to an end.

Background

The Delta ISB was created as part of the Delta Reform Act of 2009 (Water Code section 85280(a)) to provide oversight of the scientific research, monitoring, and assessment programs that support adaptive management of the Delta and to provide independent science advice about the Delta Plan (Water Code section 85308(a)). The Act specifies the following criteria for Delta ISB members:

The Delta Independent Science Board shall consist of no more than 10 members appointed by the Council. The term of office for members of the Delta Independent Science Board shall be five years. A member may serve no more than two terms. (Water Code Section 85280(a)(1)).

Members of the Delta Independent Science Board shall be nationally or internationally prominent scientists with appropriate expertise to evaluate the broad range of scientific programs that support adaptive management of the Delta. The members shall not be directly affiliated with a program or agency subject to the review activities of the Delta Independent Science Board (Water Code Section 85280(a)(2)).

The first terms of Dr. Lund (Past Chair) and Dr. Fernando are coming to an end, and they are willing to serve second terms. Both were appointed by the Council in 2012.

Dr. Lund is a professor of civil and environmental engineering at the University of California, Davis, and the Director for the Center for Watershed Sciences with expertise in water resources. Additional information regarding Dr. Lund's background and research can be found, here: <https://watershed.ucdavis.edu/shed/lund/>.

Dr. Fernando is the Wayne and Diana Murdy Endowed Professor of Engineering and Geosciences at the University of Notre Dame with expertise in hydrodynamics, risk, climate change, and modeling. Additional information regarding Dr. Fernando's

background and research can be found, here:
<http://engineering.nd.edu/profiles/hfernando>.

Fiscal Information

Not applicable.

List of Attachments

None.

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